



OVER THE GARDEN GATE

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Barbara Gordon, a Rosearian, Is MGC May Speaker

Barbara Gordon is well known as a rosearian, a Sogetsu Ikebana student and teacher; American Rose Society Judge; American Camellia Society Judge; as well as a National Garden Club Judge for Arrangements, Horticulture, and Photography since 1981.

Barbara is also a home gardener specializing in roses, camellias, flowers, fruit trees and vegetables. She especially enjoys using plant materials from her own garden for arrangements.

Expect her to have some interesting ideas in the demonstrations she does for us at the May 12, Modesto Garden Club Meeting.

Summer Luncheon

**Table Viewing – Wednesday, June 1st – 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Del Rio Country Club – 801 Stewart Road**

Tickets are \$10, at the door and include light refreshments

The hostesses have some extraordinary ideas they have incorporated into their table designs.

The great thing about the Table Viewing is the atmosphere. You get a chance to really see the tables without the crowd. You also have time to visit with other members and friends. Of course, you get to enjoy those wonderful refreshments.

These events are always spectacular, so make sure you put this on your calendar!

President's Message

By Dan Yockey

Hello everyone,

It seems strange that our club year is almost over. The virus is still causing problems with many of our club projects. I appreciate the patience of our volunteers who have kept things going despite all of the roadblocks.

My message to our members today is directed to those who have joined in the last few years. The Club needs your help. Our current Vice Presidents have been too long in their positions and need your assistance with finding someone to carry on the fantastic work they have performed over the last several years.

Basically, we need new blood. I know that when you joined the club you were capable of assuming many of the positions. I am asking you to look within yourself and say "I can do that job: The future of the Garden Club is in your hands, do not wait, the time is now,

To learn more contact me or speak to any of the club officers regarding your interest.

We are still having low attendance at the meetings. I thought by now it would be much better. If you have a reason or opinion, please feel free to speak to me or email me.

I hope to see all of you at the May meeting to see a great speaker and meet our six Scholarship recipients.

Yours in gardening

Dan



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **May 1 – DUES ARE DUE**
- **May 3 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office
9:00 a.m.**
- **May 10 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center
9:00 a.m.**
- **May 12 – MGCI General Meeting Trinity United
Presbyterian Church, 1600 Carver Road**
- **Sign in: 10 a.m.–11:20 a.m. in the Tele Center**
- **Learn and Grow: 10:30 – 11:15 Ed Perry will
speak on Training and Trimming Young Trees**
- **Meeting: 11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Scholarship awards,
Speaker Barbara Gordon – floral design from your
garden**
- **May 17 – Planters and Groomers, MGC Office
9:00 a.m.**
- **May 24 – Hackers and Whackers, Senior Center
9:00 a.m.**
- **May 26 – MGC Board Meeting, MGC Office 9:00
a.m.**
- **June 1 – Summer Luncheon Table Viewing – Buy
your tickets NOW**
- **June 2 – Summer Luncheon – TICKETS GO
FAST**
- **June 7 – Out of Town Tour – Bouquets to Art, De
Young Museum – Be sure to sign up at the May
meeting to ensure your place on this tour!**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

DUES are \$40 and are now DUE

Dues may be paid at the May Meeting
Online at modestogardenclub.org or
MGC Office (622 14th Street, Modesto, CA 95354)

By Mail or in person on Wednesday mornings
Dues are delinquent on July 31st



April MGC Meeting



President Dan Yockey and our Volunteer of the Month, Bob Taylor.



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Spring Garden Tour
By Gerry Yockey

The weather was beautiful, and the homeowners were ready to show their home and garden. I was nervous with anticipation to have the public see what I have witnessed over the past few months. The gardens and homes are wonderful!

I want to thank the docents for spending two hours at the homes and then going to another home and spending another two hours! Thank you for helping out! You don't know how much we appreciate your help!!

I also want to thank the students who volunteer from *Johansen High School*. They were such a big help and I hope we can get them again next year.

The Ladies on my committee and gentlemen never worked harder on the Spring Garden Tour. Mary Lou Rice/ advertisement, Judy Spencer/books and write up, Mary Ann Uyeno/ Raffle, Jean Davis/Tickets and Patti Williams/Docents and of course Dan Yockey/ Refreshments.

Everyone that I talked to had a wonderful time and thought it was one of the best tours we have ever done. I want to thank again the homeowners who opened their homes to the public and garden club members, they were so gracious.

Thank you everyone for buying a ticket and coming on the tour. Thanks again.



School Gardens – Agnes Baptist School Garden

By Pat Logan

Modesto Garden Club supports several schools in the Modesto area with school gardens, one being Agnes Baptist Elementary School. Toni David, Agnes Baptist 5th grade teacher, has an enthusiastic group of students who plant, tend, and harvest vegetables and flowers from the garden. Curriculum such as math and science as well as language arts lessons are woven into garden. In 2022 an irrigation system was installed in the vegetable garden, prior to that time all the plants were hand watered.

Over the years, many changes have happened such as 100 red worms introduced into the garden and weed control (straw did not work well, the next weed control will probably be solarization). There are three gardens at Agnes Baptist, a

vegetable garden, herb garden, and memory garden. The school and the district provided support by erecting a storage area for tools and supplies and installing the new irrigation system. Modesto Junior College provided fruit trees and tilled part of the garden soil.

Twice a week Toni's twenty-seven 5th graders visit the garden and 10-12 after school program students use the garden every day. Students enjoy the fruits and vegetables from the garden during the summer school months. Students who need a time out because of stress or other issues can enjoy a quiet time to reflect in the memory garden. Several fundraisers such as poinsettia sales and a small grant have provided support. Modesto Garden Club will continue to support the Agnes Baptist School Garden by funding gardening tools and supplies.



Please Note

To all Vice Presidents, Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs: We are updating documents on the computer at the office. Each committee, group and entity in the club now has their own folder in our documents section on our computer.

If you have documents on your home computer that you think should also be on our office computer, please email them to the club email at email@modestogardenclub.org.

Thank You, Nancy Robinson

Learn and Grow

Master Gardener Ed Perry will speak on Training and Trimming Young Trees.





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